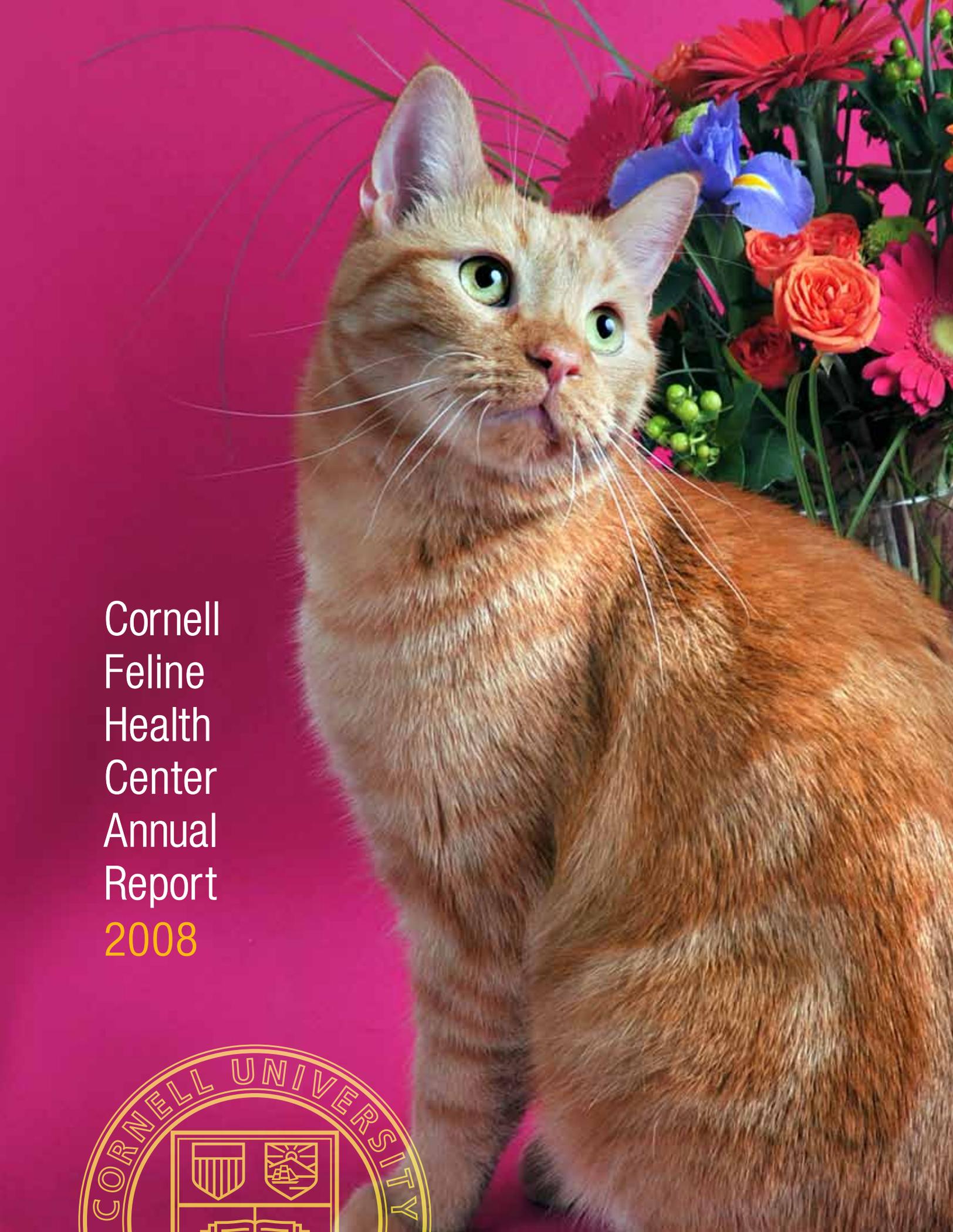


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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to report that, at the end of 2008, the Cornell Feline Health Center (FHC) is sound and moving forward with its mission “to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere.” It is with pleasure that we present you with the 2008 Cornell Feline Health Center Annual Report.

The Feline Health Center Strategic Planning Committee completed its review of the FHC in early 2008 and presented its findings and recommendations to Dean Michael Kotlikoff. After considerable discussion on how to implement the positive recommendations of this review committee, the decision was made to move the offices of the FHC from the Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences to the Baker Institute for Animal Health, still within the College of Veterinary Medicine. This move is scheduled to occur during 2009. The Baker Institute (bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu) was started in 1950 as the Veterinary Virus Research Institute and was renamed in honor of its founder, the late James A. Baker. The Baker Institute for Animal Health is one of the oldest research centers dedicated to the study of veterinary infectious diseases, immunology, genetics, and reproduction. Dr. Baker provided valuable insight to me during the formation of the FHC more than 34 years ago, and his original concept was an animal health institute composed of a series of centers. This move will enable the FHC to expand its research endeavors on diseases of cats, to acquire much-needed space, and to enable it to better carry out its mission. An international search is currently under way to hire a new director who will be in charge of both the Baker Institute and the Feline Health Center.

In 2008, the FHC received an outstanding bequest from Dr. Jean Holzworth, one of the original pioneers of feline medicine, and whom I call the “Mother of Feline Medicine.” Please see more details about the Holzworth Fund to support clinical feline research on pages 18–19.

2008 has been labeled “The Year of the Cat” and “It’s all about the Cat.” The CATalyst Initiative (www.catalystsummit.org) of the American Association of Feline Practitioners, in conjunction with industry, launched a major effort in 2008 to increase the percentage of cats that receive basic veterinary care, to educate cat owners about adequate medical care, and to assist veterinarians in making their practices more “cat friendly.” The FHC was a part of the original CATalyst Summit to launch this initiative, and it will continue to support this initiative in any way possible.

Elizabeth, the FHC mascot and office mate, is doing her part to improve the health and well-being of all her kitty friends. I hope you have been reading her “Ask Elizabeth” articles in CatWatch (www.catwatchnewsletter.com).

For many years the FHC has used two databases, one to support our Consultation Service and the other to enable us to interact with you, our friends and supporters. The software programs that run these databases are no longer supported, and therefore we have been forced to convert these two databases into a new database run by a software program called “Raiser’s Edge.” This has been a major effort, but once completed and debugged, it should provide the FHC with greater efficiency and accuracy.

This 2008 annual report will give you a glimpse of the past year’s activities at the FHC. I thank you for your continued support. It is only through your support that the FHC can continue to exist and to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere.

Fred W. Scott, DVM, PhD
Emeritus Professor, and Interim Director
Cornell Feline Health Center

2008–2009 Feline Health Studies

Molecular Basis of Feline Coronavirus Pathogenesis and Development of FIP in Cats

Investigator: Gary Whittaker, associate professor of virology

Feline coronaviruses that cause a common and fairly benign infection of the epithelial cells in the gut are designated as feline enteric coronavirus (FECV). In some persistently infected cats, however, the virus changes and acquires the ability to infect cells of the immune system. This form of the virus causes a systemic and highly lethal infection and is designated as feline infectious peritonitis virus (FIPV). Cats infected with FIPV invariably succumb to the disease.

Work in the Whittaker lab is currently focused on several aspects of FIPV pathogenesis. The researchers seek to decipher the molecular changes that transform the benign FECV into the highly lethal FIPV. The two viruses are very similar, making diagnosis difficult, but the lab has identified a specific change in the viral surface (or spike) protein that controls the virus's abil-

ity to be activated by host cell proteases and gain access to cells of the immune system. The researchers are evaluating small-molecule inhibitors of these proteases as potential antiviral therapeutics for cats with FIP.

Additional work in the Whittaker lab has characterized the protein DC-SIGN as a co-receptor for FIPV, which is highly expressed on dendritic cells. Researchers believe that this cell type plays a significant role in facilitating the entry of FIPV into the bloodstream. In addition, they are concerned with controlling the immunopathogenic effects caused by FIPV during infection. A hallmark of cats with FIP is overproduction of inflammatory cytokines, including TNF-alpha, IL1-beta, and IL6—a so-called “cytokine storm.” The lab has identified the cell signaling pathways induced by FIPV in feline immune cells that trigger cytokine production, and small-molecule inhibitors of these signaling pathways are also being evaluated as potential therapeutic agents. Finally, a roadblock in the development of effective therapeutics for FIP is

the inability of researchers to examine viral pathogenesis except in experimentally infected cats. An overarching goal of the Whittaker lab is to develop a mouse model of FIP,

which would enable potential therapies to be tested for efficacy against this devastating disease.



Dr. Gary Whittaker (standing) and graduate student Andrew Regan

Center for the Study of the Genetics of Feline Urinary Stone Disease

Investigator: Richard Goldstein, associate professor of clinical sciences

Stone formation, an extremely common disorder of the cat urinary tract, has a major effect on the well-being and mortality of our feline pet population. Despite its importance, little is known about the genetics of stone production in cats. Now that the feline genetic sequence has been published, genetic studies in cats are more feasible than ever before. This study is part of a broad initiative by the investigators to establish a DNA bank in Dr. Goldstein's laboratory from thousands of cats suffering from urinary stones and other diseases of the urinary tract. The goal is to use this DNA bank to unravel the genetic causes of urinary tract diseases such as stone formation in cats.

Approximately 50 percent of all feline urinary stones are made up of struvite (precipitation of magnesium, ammonium, and phosphate) and the rest are made up of calcium and



Dr. Richard Goldstein and lab technician Anne Chiotti

oxalate precipitating together in the urine. Recently, for example, Dr. Goldstein has found the genetic mutation that causes primary hyperoxaluria, a disease that is lethal in cats and in humans. The prevalence of this defective gene in our cat population, though, is unknown. In addition,

polymorphisms—or differences between individuals in a genetic sequence—in a variety of genes have been associated with calcium oxalate stone formation in humans. Dr. Goldstein is hoping to find similar genetic predispositions to stone formation in genes in cats. These studies are likely

then to enable us to identify groups of cats at increased risk for stone formation via genetic testing. Specific prevention programs can then be implemented for these cats, even before their first episode of urolithiasis.

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Honoring Dr. James R. Richards, Jr.



Dr. Edward Dubovi

Assessing Infectious and Noninfectious Status of Cats

Investigator: Edward J. Dubovi, professor of population medicine and diagnostic science

The Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC) supports feline health by providing a comprehensive menu of tests for assessing the infectious and noninfectious status of cats. The AHDC staff interacts with veterinarians from across the United States to assist in managing health issues confronting the frontline medical staff. They also play a key role in the interface between the realms of clinical medicine and the research community. New discoveries on the research front need to be adapted and validated for clinical use while results from diagnostic testing need to be presented to the research community for analysis and development of hypothesis-driven research projects. As an example, the AHDC frequently receives samples from cats involved in respiratory disease out-

breaks in catteries or animal shelters. Not infrequently, feline calicivirus is isolated and the question arises as to whether these isolates are the “hypervirulent” strain of feline calicivirus. Currently, this is not a simple question and our role is to pass these isolates onto research groups that are trying to define the mechanism whereby certain strains of virus cause serious disease. Isolates of bacteria, viruses, or parasites can be made available to research groups and commercial entities to assess changes in pathogens, to develop new products (vaccines, antibiotics) or to explore disease pathogenesis. We are also available to assist in field studies to assess a new biological material or to validate a new diagnostic test. The AHDC also functions as a referral site for the Feline Health Center when clients need more assistance in handling complex management issues.



James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Lectures

The James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Lectures were established to honor the outstanding contributions the late Dr. James R. Richards, Jr. made to the field of feline medicine to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere. A series of state-of-the-art lectures on various areas of feline medicine will be held in three venues: periodically at the College of Veterinary Medicine; at the annual New York State Veterinary Conference; and at the annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium. Dr. Richards was director of the Cornell Feline Health Center (1997–2007) and was past president of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Funds contributed to the Dr. James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Fund by his many friends and col-

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Resources for Cat People

leagues have been placed in an endowment fund at Cornell University, and the income from this fund will support these memorial lectures in perpetuity.

We can think of no finer way to support Dr. Richards' passion for cats and for education than by making it possible, through these memorial lectures, for the leaders in feline medicine to share their newest and most pertinent knowledge directly with those veterinarians (and future veterinarians) working each day to improve the lives of cats everywhere.

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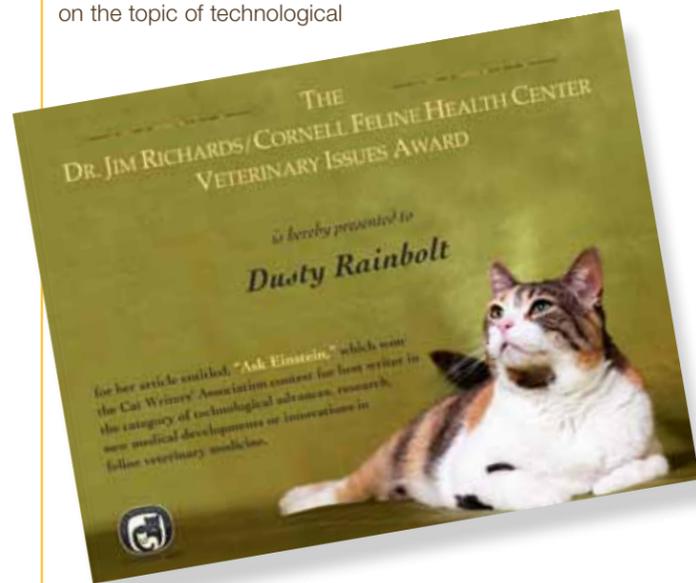
The Cat Writers' Association (CWA) (www.catwriters.org/index.html) is an organization of professionals who write, publish, and broadcast on the subject of cats. The late Dr. Jim Richards, Jr. (FHC director 1997–2007) was a devoted CWA member who helped many other members develop their writing skills. He created the Cornell Feline Health Center Veterinary Issues Award, which is presented at the CWA Annual Conference to the "highest-quality entry on the topic of technological

advances, research, new medical development, or innovations in feline veterinary medicine." In 2007, CWA changed the name of the award to the Dr. Jim Richards/Cornell Feline Health Center Veterinary Issues Award to honor and remember Dr. Richards. The Feline Health Center is honored to continue offering this award through CWA each year.

The 2007 award was presented at the annual awards banquet held in San Mateo, California, on November 17, 2007. The winner was Arden Moore for "Feline DNA and You," published in *Catnip*.

The 2008 award, presented at the annual awards banquet held in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 22, 2008, was presented to Dusty Rainbolt of Flower Mount, Texas, for her three excellent veterinary-related articles that appeared in her "Ask Einstein" articles on heartworms, lost cat, and panleukopenia. These articles can be viewed at www.stickypaws.com/info.cfm.

The Shojai Mentor Award, sponsored by past president Amy D. Shojai, "recognizes the CWA member who has offered guidance, encouraging council, support, or other help that has had a direct and positive influence on another's writing/publishing success." The 2007 award was given posthumously to Dr. Jim Richards. Amy Shojai wrote: "For his entire career, he did everything he could to better the lives of cats and to educate the public and the veterinary world. He did so with patience and knowledge. He was a friend to many of us and the unanimous choice to receive this year's award. Thanks to him, the world is a better place for cats—and people."



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A growing endowment supports the service, allowing the Cornell Feline Health Center's consulting veterinarians to provide expert advice based on the most current information

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20th Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium

The 20th Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium was held at the College of Veterinary Medicine on July 25–27, 2008, with more than 100 veterinarians attending from 14 states.

This annual symposium is sponsored by the Cornell Feline Health Center and the Office of Continuing Education at the College of Veterinary Medicine. This year the symposium was dedicated to the late Dr. Jean Holzworth. Guest lecturers and feline topics presented during this year's symposium included:

- Dr. Curtis W. Dewey, Cornell University—"Selected Neurological Disorders in Cats"
- Dr. Lynelle Johnson, University of California, Davis—"The Coughing Cat"; "Nasal Discharge and Sneezing in the Cat"; and "Management of Respiratory Diseases"
- Dr. Jodi Korich, Cornell University—"Partners in Animal Health: How Cornell's New Educational Outreach Program Can Help Your Practice"
- Dr. David Maggs, University of California, Davis—"Feline Herpes Virus—Clinical Syndromes and Diagnostic Testing"
- Dr. John Parker, Cornell University—"Virulent Systemic Feline Calicivirus Update"
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- Steve Dale, pet journalist—"Cats Are the Rodney Dangerfield of Pets"; "Brain Dead Fat Cats: Why We Must Enrich Our Cats' Lives"; "Kitty K: A Kitten's Brain Is a Terrible Thing to Waste—Socializing Kittens"



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Established in 1999 by an anonymous donor, the Feline Health Center Scholarship was created to provide assistance to deserving veterinary students who have a clear and demonstrated financial need, who have been judged by the faculty to be in good standing academically, and who demonstrate an interest in feline medicine. Preference is given to fourth-year veterinary students.

Lisa Bazzle, Class of 2010, vice president of Feline Club

"To a cat, a 'friend' is an earned title based on a pattern of patience, consistency in attitude, and sincerity of heart. By this measure, to be 'chosen' by a cat is to hold the attributes requisite in becoming not only a trusted veterinarian, but a good friend to man and animal alike."

Hometown: White Plains, Maryland

Current companion animals: Her two apple-head siamese cats—they are 8 years old. One is a seal point female named Rainier, her brother is a blue point named Purna.

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: Bazzle says several Cornell vets have really inspired her and that she really looks up to them. In no particular order they are Dr. Hornbuckle, Dr. McEntee, and Dr. Bailey.

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience:

While she enjoyed the physiology classes in Block III and the large animal surgery/medicine in Block V, she's also really enjoyed all the bovine labs.

Career plans: To practice small-animal medicine somewhere out west.

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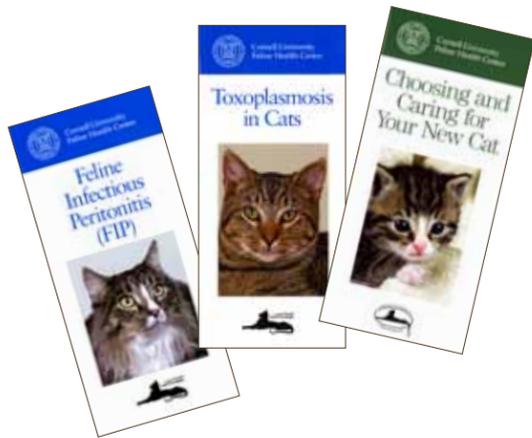
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Samantha Collins, Class of 2009

"After earning my master's in geology and working in environmental consulting for several years, my love of animals and need to have them be a full-time part of my life became all-encompassing, and I made the big jump back to veterinary medicine."

Hometown: Buffalo, New York

Current companion animals: Many! Her first cat, Galena, now 12; Button, a 5-year-old pastel tortoise-shell, one of Collins's first foster kittens; Peggy, a 9-year-old tabby; and one dog, Tucker, a 5-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog/Border Collie mix.

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: Dr. Kathy Makolinski from the Erie County SPCA in Buffalo. "Her tireless, unrelenting effort to help the homeless, feral, and underprivileged cats of western New York is inspiring," Collins says. "She took me under her wing when I first started my volunteer work at the SPCA and opened my eyes to the needs of our feline friends."

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: "Junior surgery, where we get to do our first spay—for a shelter kitty," she explains. "Not only was it so exciting to get to perform surgery, but for the first time we had a direct, significant impact on the life of a kitty rather than just book learning and taking exams. We play a role in getting her off the streets, ending her years of unnecessary pregnancies, and helping to find her a loving home."

Career plans: An internship and a residency in small-animal surgery, with special emphasis in feline surgery. And to contribute her skills at local shelters and humane organizations involved with providing health and sterilization services to underprivileged and feral kitties.



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Amelia Knieper, Class of 2009

"Population control, especially of feral cats, has been a very important subject for me. My commitment was strengthened when I rescued my two cats as tiny feral kittens."

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Current companion animals: Figaro, a stylish grey domestic shorthair who loves tummy scratches and causing trouble, and Dot, a charming black domestic shorthair who loves wet food, chirping at birds, and cuddle time.

First interest in being a veterinarian: Knieper can't remember a time when she did not want to be a veterinarian. As a child, she loved going to the vet's office with her mother and she knew then that one day she would have the responsibility and joy of taking care of other people's pets.

Specific interest in feline medicine: "It's simple, I just love cats."

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Since starting clinical rotations, Knieper has found it exciting to see her knowledge and acquired skills put to use. A sick cat was presented to her during her emergency rotation, and from his history and physical examination, she was able to diagnose a urethral obstruction. She was then able to plan and initiate treatment by stabilizing him and passing a urinary catheter to relieve the obstruction. Importantly, she was able to educate the owner about feline urinary disease and discuss preventative measures. This particular case highlighted Knieper's growth in clinics and ability to manage all aspects of patient care, from diagnosis to client education.

Career plans: After graduation she hopes to join an exclusively feline practice so that she can focus her attention on her favorite clients. She intends to support local low-cost spay-and-neuter clinics as well as feral cat trap/neuter/release programs. "Eventually, I hope to run my own cat-only clinic and become a certified feline specialist," she says, "so that I can provide cats with the very best medical attention."

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Amanda Perkins, Class of 2009

"I'm interested in the dual nature of cats. While they are loving companions, they have, at heart, a resistant feral nature. I like the challenge of demystifying and embracing this 'feralness' for the sake of compassionate medicine."

Hometown: Columbia, Mississippi

Current companion animals: Almost six years ago, she found a litter of kittens underneath a flower shop. She adopted Biddu, a charming Siamese, and her brother, Triska, solid black and timid.

First interest in being a veterinarian: Perkins says that she was the typical little girl who always knew that she should take care of the friends constantly at her feet. "Going deeper, though," she explains, "I was exposed to the harsher side of the human-animal relationship, growing up in a society where the life of an animal often has little value. This eventually made me aware of the ethical and social complexities involved in veterinary medicine, and that, ultimately, is what drew me."

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Professor Dwight Bowman taught her that parasitology is not only fascinating in its own right but is at the center of most controversies in the world. "I was enthralled by every lecture," she says.

Career plans: To go straight into private practice in a feline-exclusive clinic, perhaps back home. "It's a budding idea in the South, and I want to be part of its progress and help reclaim the value of the cat—or whatever creatures cross my path," she explains.



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Melissa Turner, Class of 2010, president of Feline Club

“When I was very young my mother introduced me to trap-neuter-release programs. I believe these early experiences led me to feel most at ease working with cats. I truly find cats medically fascinating and appreciate the enigmatic characteristics each cat possesses.”

Hometown: Melville, New York

Current companion animals: “Oscar, my amazing and quirky five-year-old domestic short hair. Two new additions are my Wyandotte chickens, Florence and Sylvia, who are masters of egg-laying.”

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: Turner says there are too many to choose from. The first veterinarian she worked with, Dr. Susanne Fischman, taught her the importance of compassion in veterinary medicine and was a continuing source of motivation before she came to Cornell. Here at Cornell, Dr. Paul Maza always encouraged Turner’s enthusiasm for feline medicine and has, on numerous occasions, shown her the importance of confidence as well as maintaining a sense of humor.

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Turner’s favorite experiences have always been hands-on work such as volunteering at Southside, working with Shelter Outreach Services, and all of the Block VII labs. For her, the most memorable lab was the feline physical exam and restraint Block VII lab. She values the “less is more” restraint method emphasized in that lab and feels that, although sometimes overlooked, it really is an integral part of keeping the stress level of feline patients to a minimum and maximizing the accuracy of the physical exam.

Career plans: After graduation, Turner plans to go into feline practice and eventually become certified as a feline specialist. However, she says, her other passion is conservation medicine, so she also hopes to become involved with wild felid conservation programs.

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Star Meadow Animal Clinic—Farmington, Conn.
Suffield Veterinary Hospital—Suffield, Conn.
Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego—San Diego, Calif.

Bequests and Special Gifts

“Mother of Feline Medicine” Leaves Bequest to Feline Health Center



The Feline Health Center (FHC) is the recipient of an approximately \$2.8 million bequest from the estate of the late Dr. Jean Holzworth, Cornell DVM class of 1950. This gift establishes the Holzworth Fund to support “clinical study and treatment of naturally occurring diseases of domestic cats.” Annual income from this endowment will enable the center to support clinical investigations on the causes and treatments of diseases of cats in line with its mission “to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere.”

Jean Holzworth was born March 26, 1915, in Port Chester, New York. She grew up on a “gentleman’s farm” by beauti-

ful Lake Waramaug in New Preston, Connecticut, with animals of all sorts, including cattle and many cats. In retirement, she returned to live by Lake Waramaug, where she died at home on January 13, 2007, at the age of 91, with her favorite opera playing and Zoë, her favorite 19-year-old cat, by her side.

Dr. Holzworth attended Greenwich Academy in Greenwich, Connecticut, and Bryn Mawr College near Philadelphia, where she received degrees of A.B. (1936), M.A., and Ph.D. (1940) in Latin. In the early 1940s, she taught classics at Mount Holyoke College.

From Classics to Cats

The deaths of so many of her faithful feline friends during her growing-up years, and finally the death of one special cat in 1943 due to panleukopenia, turned Dr. Holzworth toward veterinary medicine. She obtained her necessary pre-veterinary training, then applied to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell, where she was accepted into the class of 1950 as the only woman

in her class. Dr. Holzworth received the Borden Award, a national award presented at each veterinary college for the veterinary student that has the highest academic grade. Her reason for becoming a veterinarian from the get-go was the “humble cat.”

Immediately after graduation from Cornell in 1950, Dr. Holzworth joined the Massachusetts S.P.C.A. Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston as an intern. She joined the staff at Angell in 1951 and practiced feline internal medicine throughout her 36-year professional career there until her retirement in 1986.



Dr. Holzworth’s favorite cat, Zoë

Feline Veterinarian Extraordinaire

At Angell, Dr. Holzworth quickly became the preemptive authority in the world on feline diseases and feline medicine and continued in that role throughout her professional career. Dr. Holzworth became the voice of, and the advocate for, feline medicine.

Over the years Dr. Holzworth trained many interns at Angell and transmitted to them a thorough knowledge and love of feline medicine. Many veterinary colleges today are staffed by senior clinicians that obtained their feline expertise under Dr. Holzworth’s tutelage.

Dr. Holzworth was the first to describe the fatal disease of cats now called feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), which she initially called “chronic fibrinous peritonitis.” She was one of the first to describe hyperthyroidism in cats. She published outstanding original case reports on such diseases as toxoplasmosis, steatitis or yellow fat disease, trichinosis, diabetes, cryptococcosis, and various forms of leukemia. She published reviews of various

diseases of cats, always summarizing exquisitely all known literature about that disease.

Diseases of the Cat: Medicine and Surgery

Early in her career, Dr. Holzworth decided that “cats deserved a serious book to themselves” and she set out with the encouragement of her colleagues to write *Diseases of the Cat: Medicine and Surgery*. She was a perfectionist, and wanted this book to be complete, up to date, and the best authoritative reference on feline medicine. But in her words in the preface, “As fast as I completed a draft, however, it was outstripped by the torrent of research and clinical reports of which my favorite species increasingly became the subject. Ultimately I realized that only a band of specialists could handle the project, and I

became, as well as author, the editor of a collaborative text.” Dr. Donald Patterson wrote in the foreword to *Diseases of the Cat*, “this work will long stand as the definitive written word on medicine and surgery of the cat.”

Strong Supporter of the FHC

Dr. Holzworth was recognized by various professional societies with awards such as “Veterinarian of the Year” by the American Animal Hospital Association in 1960, and “Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year” by the Association of Women Veterinarians in 1991. The late Dr. Jim Richards, Jr., former director of the FHC, dedicated a book on feline medicine to her as “a lifelong devotee of cats and a veterinarian of immeasurable importance to feline medicine.”

Dr. Holzworth was a strong supporter of Cornell and the FHC. She strongly encouraged the formation of the center in the early 1970s and continued to be an encourager over the years.

She wanted the center to “improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere,” as she had tried to do during her professional career. For several years, Dr. Holzworth served on the Feline Advisory Council of the FHC. Her input at the meetings was always insightful and profound. Teaming with the late Dr. Barbara Stein of Chicago, the center had the best two feline practitioners in the country as members of this council. Dr. Holzworth donated most of her extensive collection of books and papers on cats to the FHC.

“Jean Holzworth was at Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston during the time that I was observing as vice president of MSPCA in charge of all of the hospitals. At this stage of her career she was attempting to finish her book on feline diseases. Jean was a highly respected authority on feline medicine, and the clinicians would frequently seek her opinion on a debatable case. Eventually Jean had to remove herself from the active staff to try and keep her book current with the rapid changes occurring in feline medicine. Her demanding nature of being absolutely perfect caused problems with her attempts to finish her book. Eventually she divorced herself from clinical medicine and moved back to her home in New Preston, Connecticut, to complete her text.

Jean was a very interesting person to be around because of her broad experience and education. My wife and I had many pleasant social contacts with her.”

—George Abbott, Cornell ‘45

A pictorial history of the first four months of Boo Boo, who “owns” Dr. Mark Frolick.



Dr. Alvin Vogel—White Plains, N.Y.
West Chelsea Veterinary—New York, N.Y.
Dr. Andrew Williamson—Saint Thomas, V.I.
Winsted Hospital for Animals, P.C.—Barkhamsted, Conn.
Dr. Michael Woltz—Scarsdale, N.Y.
Woodhaven Veterinary Clinic, Inc., P.S.—Edmonds, Wash.
Dr. James Zgodas—Campbell Hall, N.Y.

\$300-499
Adirondack Animal Hospital—Glens Falls, N.Y.
Animal General, LLC—Avon, Conn.
Animal Hospital of Greenwich—Stamford, Conn.
Baldwin Harbor Animal Hospital, P.C.—Baldwin, N.Y.
Brevard Feline Medical Practice, Inc.—Rockledge, Fla.

Cat Care Hospital—West Chester, Ohio
Cat Clinic of Orange County—Costa Mesa, Calif.
Cat Doctor—Columbus, Ohio
Cat Doctor, Inc.—Fort Myers, Fla.
Cat Hospital of Petaluma, Inc.—Petaluma, Calif.
Cat Practice, LLC—Oak Park, Ill.
Cats Only Veterinary Clinic, PLLC—Norman, Okla.
Center for Feline Medicine & Surgery, Inc.—Stone Mountain, Ga.
Companion Animal Hospital—Groton, Conn.
Cosmic Cat Veterinary Clinic—Branford, Conn.
Easthampton Animal Hospital—Easthampton, Mass.
Gardens Veterinary Hospital—Cranberry Township, Pa.

Gearhart Veterinary Hospital—Pleasant Valley, N.Y.
Dr. Bruce Hoskins—Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.
Dr. Linda Jacobson—Brooklyn, N.Y.
Layhill Animal Hospital—Silver Spring, Md.
Manchester Veterinary Clinic, Inc.—Manchester, Conn.
Manheim Pike Veterinary Hospital, Inc.—Lancaster, Pa.
Mayfair Animal Hospital—Cary, N.C.
Milford Animal Hospital, P.C.—Milford, Conn.
Millhopper Veterinary Medical Center—Gainesville, Fla.
Montrose Animal Health Center—Fairfax, Va.
Park Ridge Animal Hospital, P.A.—Park Ridge, N.J.
Ridge Animal Hospital, LLP—Middleport, N.Y.
Rye Harrison Veterinary Hospital, PLLC—Rye, N.Y.

Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital—Tiverton, R.I.
Schulhof Animal Hospital, LLC—Westport, Conn.
Scott, Henry, & Rosen, P.C.—Deer Park, N.Y.
Shrewsbury Animal Hospital—Tinton Falls, N.J.
Somers Animal Hospital—Somers, N.Y.
University Animal Hospital—Uniondale, N.Y.
University Drive Veterinary Hospital—State College, Pa.
Veterinary Internal Medicine—Newtonville, Ohio
Vienna Animal Hospital, Inc.—Vienna, Va.
Westside Hospital for Cats, Inc.—Los Angeles, Calif.

\$200-299
All Cats Healthcare Clinic, P.A.—Gainesville, Fla.
All Creatures Veterinary Hospital—Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Animal Care Center of Sonoma County—Rohnert Park, Calif.
Animal Hospitable Veterinary Clinic—Williamsville, N.Y.
Animal Hospital of Kent—Carmel, N.Y.
Bayshore Animal Hospital—Port Orange, Fla.
Brockton Animal Hospital—Brockton, Mass.
Burlington Veterinary Center, Inc.—Burlington, Conn.
Burrstone Animal Hospital, P.C.—New Hartford, N.Y.
Cat Hospital of Portland—Chico, Calif.
Clark Animal Care Center, LLP—Penfield, N.Y.
Clays Mill Veterinary Clinic, Inc.—Lexington, Ky.
Coastal Cats Feline Health Care—York, Maine
Eagle Animal Hospital—Chester Springs, Pa.
Erie Animal Hospital, P.C.—Erie, Colo.

Estates Animal Hospital, P.C.—Jamaica Estates, N.Y.
Fairfield Veterinary Hospital, LLC—Fairfield, Conn.
For Cats Only, Inc.—West Palm Beach, Fla.
Godspeed Animal Care—Williamsburg, Va.
Goshen Animal Clinic, LLC—Gaithersburg, Md.
Greenwich Animal Hospital, P.C.—Greenwich, Conn.
Hartsdale Veterinary Hospital PLLC—Hartsdale, N.Y.
Hemingway Cat Hospital—Saratoga, Calif.
Holden Veterinary Clinic—Holden, Mass.
Dr. James Jorgenson—Vernon Hills, Ill.
Dr. Mary Keating—New York, N.Y.
Manlius Veterinary Hospital—Manlius, N.Y.
Marsh Hospital for Animals—Verona, N.J.
Dr. Alan S. Meyer—Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Feline Clinical Fellow

The Clinical Fellows Program, a new program in 2008 at the College of Veterinary Medicine, is intended to provide excellent research training for veterinarians who have completed a residency program and who intend to become academic clinicians. One of these fellowships is funded in part by the Feline Health Center through the Jean Holzworth Fund, which supports feline clinical research. Dr. Kelly R. Hume was selected as the first feline clinical fellow.

Dr. Hume developed an interest in feline medicine while caring for feline blood donors at the Veterinary Medical

Teaching Hospital of the University of Wisconsin—Madison. After receiving her bachelor's degree in animal science, she attended the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. As a veterinary student, she was active in the college's trap-neuter-return program for feral cats and assisted with veterinary healthcare at the local humane society. After graduation, she completed a rotating internship and a specialty internship in oncology at the University of Georgia Veterinary Teaching Hospital. More recently, she became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Specialty of Oncology, after complet-

ing a three-year medical oncology residency at North Carolina State University. She is currently working in the laboratory of Dr. Robert Weiss, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Cornell University, investigating how cell cycle checkpoint proteins impact tumor progression and resistance to cancer therapeutics. As part of her appointment, she also spends time working with the Oncology Service at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. Dr. Hume plans to use the skills gained during the fellowship to direct clinical and translational research studies focused on improving the treatment and quality of life of veterinary cancer patients.

Hogan Bequest

In 2008, the Feline Health Center received a bequest of \$125,000 from the estate of the late Rhoda A. Hogan of Durham, New Hampshire. Mrs. Hogan designated in her estate support for several animal welfare organizations, but specifically wanted the public to be educated about declawing. At the request of the attorney handling the estate, the Feline Health Center, partnering with the Cornell Partners in Animal Health Program, submitted a proposal to produce an educational video and other written material to educate veterinarians and cat owners about methods to produce behavioral modifications of cats that will reduce the need for declawing. The court awarded this part of the estate to the Feline Health Center, and the video and educational material are currently under development.

The Clara L. D. Jeffery Trust Gift

The Clara L. D. Jeffery Trust has generously supported the Feline Health Center for the past several years, and in 2008, this trust provided a gift of \$25,000 to improve the FHC web site. This web page currently receives about 2,000 hits per day from individuals throughout the world seeking specific information about cat health. During 2008, we investigated several possible approaches to make this web site the best source of all information feline, and decided to move to "Adobe Contribute." This web content management software will enable the FHC staff to collaboratively author, review, and publish web content while maintaining site integrity—without learning HTML. We thank the Jeffery Trust for making this possible, and we look forward with great expectation to the launching of the new format in the near future.



Cynthia and Sholly Kagan Gift

In 2008, Cynthia and Sholly Kagan provided a special gift of \$50,000 to the Feline Health Center. For many years, Cynthia had interacted with Dr. Richards and Dr. Bellezza through the Camuti Consultation Service about their precious Tonkinese cat, Taj, and a special relationship developed over time. In early 2008, Taj, now 18 years old, developed additional complications and needed a detailed workup. After many calls and e-mails from their winter home in Utah to the FHC as we monitored Taj's condition, arrangements were made to have them come to the Cornell University Hospital for Animals (CUHA) for this complete workup. The workup was done, a diagnosis was obtained, and special medications were provided. We are happy to report that as of this writing Taj is doing well. These photographs show Taj, Cynthia, and Sholly during their visit to the CUHA. The FHC expresses sincere appreciation for the financial support provided by the Kagans.



Dr. Kelly R. Hume

Milford Animal Hospital—Milford, Pa.
Mt. Holly Animal Hospital, P.C.—Mount Holly, N.J.
Nanuet Animal Hospital—Nanuet, N.Y.
Parkview Cat Clinic—Mendota Heights, Minn.
Rye Neck Veterinary Hospital, PLLC—Mamaroneck, N.Y.
Dr. Alan Schreier—Pleasantville, N.Y.
Dr. Peter Soboroff—New York, N.Y.
Sunnyside Pet Healthcare Center—Sunnyside, N.Y.
Dr. Alan Tausz—Ithaca, N.Y.
Dr. Marilyn Thompson—Fairfax, Va.
West Park Veterinary Services—Houma, La.
Windsor Veterinary Clinic—Windsor, Maine

\$100–199

A Country Cat House—Miami, Fla.
Amherst Veterinary Hospital—Monroe, Va.
Animal General—Edgewater, N.J.
Animal Hospital of Walnut—Walnut, Calif.
Animal Medical of New City, P.C.—New City, N.Y.
Ardda Animal Hospital—Rochester, N.Y.
Arlington South Veterinary Hospital—Arlington, Tex.
Dr. Eric Averill—East Bridgewater, Mass.
Bay Hill Cat Hospital—Orlando, Fla.
Berkeley Dog & Cat Hospital, Inc.—Berkeley, Calif.
Briar Patch Veterinary Hospital, P.C.—Ithaca, N.Y.
Cat Clinic of Plymouth, LLC—Plymouth, Mass.
Cat Hospital of Durham—Chapel Hill, Durham, N.C.

Dr. Renee Chrest—Timonium, Md.
Clarkson Veterinary Hospital—Brockport, N.Y.
Cobleskill Veterinary Clinic—Cobleskill, N.Y.
College Point Animal Hospital—College Point, N.Y.
Dr. Patricia Collins—Valley Cottage, N.Y.
Completely Cat Clinic, P.C.—Omaha, Nebr.
Country Cat Clinic, TVC—Plymouth, Mich.
Delmar Veterinary Associates, P.C.—Delmar, N.Y.
Eagle Rock Veterinary Hospital, LLC—West Orange, N.J.
East Valley Animal Clinic—Apple Valley, Minn.
Eastview Veterinary Clinic, P.C.—Penn Yan, N.Y.
Farmington Veterinary Clinic—Farmington, Maine
Flower Valley Veterinary Clinic—Rockville, Md.
Glen Animal Hospital—Sea Cliff, N.Y.
Dr. Robert Henrickson—Manhasset, N.Y.

Hillsborough Veterinary Hospital—Hillsborough, N.J.
Katonah Bedford Veterinary Center—Bedford Hills, N.Y.
Kitty's Doctor, PLLC—Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.
Lums Pond Animal Hospital—Bear, Del.
Main Street Cat Hospital—Elmsford, N.Y.
Manetto Hill Animal Clinic, P.C.—Plainview, N.Y.
Dr. Robert Marrazzo—Palm Harbor, Fla.
Dr. Alexander Miller—New York, N.Y.
Monticello Animal Hospital—Monticello, N.Y.
New England Cat Care, LLC—Woodbridge, Conn.
North Country Veterinary Services—Pulaski, N.Y.
Northern Tier Veterinary Clinic, Inc.—Knoxville, Pa.
Oro Valley Pet Clinic—Oro Valley, Ariz.

Pieper-Olson Veterinary Hospital—Middletown, Conn.
Dr. Raymond Pray—Batavia, N.Y.
Dr. Franklin Rapp—Schenectady, N.Y.
Dr. Leigh Anne Reed—Tinton Falls, N.J.
Dr. Kelly Regan—West St. Paul, Minn.
Roanoke Animal Hospital—Roanoke, Va.
Dr. Ronald Scharf—Niskayuna, N.Y.
Somers Point Veterinary Hospital—Somers Point, N.J.
Southwick Animal Hospital, Inc.—Southwick, Mass.
Springville Animal Hospital, P.C.—Springville, N.Y.
St. Francis Animal Clinic, Inc.—South Attleboro, Mass.
Storybook Farm Veterinary Hospital—Victor, N.Y.
Sunnyside Animal Clinic—Sunnyside, N.Y.
Dr. Carol Tice—Morrisville, N.C.

Veterinary Oncology & Referral Clinic—Milford, Ohio
Viking Community Animal Hospital, Inc.—North Canton, Ohio
Visiting Vet—Williamston, Mich.
Wantagh Animal Hospital, P.C.—Wantagh, N.Y.
Weymouth Landing Cat Clinic & Hotel—Weymouth, Mass.
Woodbury Animal Hospital, P.C.—Woodbury, N.Y.
Wright's Corners Animal Care Center—Lockport, N.Y.
Dr. Harold Zweighaft—New York, N.Y.

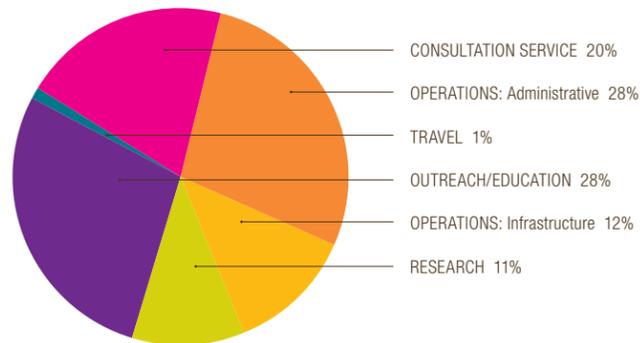
Up to \$100

A & A Veterinary Hospital, Inc.—Franklin Square, N.Y.
Allenwood Animal Hospital—Allenwood, N.J.

Financial Overview

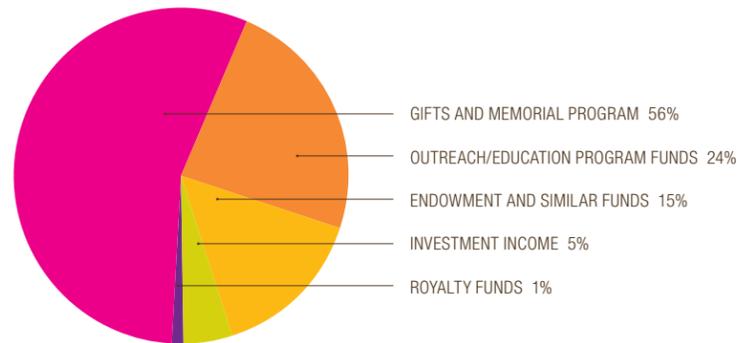
Fiscal Year 2008 Expenses

Consultation Service	\$129,104
Operations: Administrative	\$182,793
Travel	\$3,504
Outreach/Education	\$190,956
Operations: Infrastructure	\$78,738
Research	\$69,195
Total Expenses	\$654,290



Fiscal Year 2008 Revenues

Gifts and Memorial Program	\$428,628
Outreach/Education Program Funds	\$186,384
Endowment and Similar Funds	\$118,957
Investment Income	\$40,335
Royalty Funds	\$3,300
Total Revenues	\$777,604



Note: In July 2008 (fiscal year 2009), the FHC received a partial distribution of \$1,000,000 from the estate of Dr. Jean Holzworth. The final bequest to the FHC is expected to be somewhat in excess of \$2,800,000 once the estate is settled. These bequest funds have been placed into Cornell University endowment funds, and the income from this Holzworth Fund will be used to fund clinical feline research. (See page 18 for more information.)

Feline Health Center Staff

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Michael S. Lenetsky, Administrative Manager

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Sheryl A. Thomas, Assistant to the Director/Administrator for Charitable Gifts and Planned Giving (607.253.3001)

Mascot

Elizabeth, a.k.a. "Queen Elizabeth," Official Office Greeter

Fred, Michael, Kathy, and Don



Pam, Sheryl, and Elizabeth



Animal Medical Centre of Greensboro—Greensboro, N.C.
Animal Medical Clinic, Ltd.—Rockford, Ill.
Animal Medicine & Surgery of Little Neck—Little Neck, N.Y.
Ansonia Veterinary Center, P.C.—New York, N.Y.
Arrowhead Veterinary Clinic—Fairfax, Vt.
AVH Veterinary Group, LLP—Pen Argyl, Pa.
Baker House Animal Hospital—Morrow, Ohio
Baldwin Animal Hospital—Bird Clinic, Baldwin, N.Y.
Dr. Marilyn Barcroft—Sandusky, Ohio
Bellerose Animal Hospital—Bellerose, N.Y.
Dr. Stacy Benton-Mansfield—Cape Elizabeth, Maine
Blair Animal Hospital—Duncansville, Pa.

Blue Cross Animal Hospital, P.C.—Buffalo, N.Y.
Dr. Nina Caires—Albany, N.Y.
Carolina Cat Clinic—Gastonia, N.C.
Cassidy Animal Care, P.C.—Pompton Plains, N.J.
Cat Clinic of Chattanooga—Chattanooga, Tenn.
Cat Doctors—Penfield, N.Y.
Cat Practice, Ltd.—Berwyn, Ill.
Cat Sense Feline Hospital & Boarding—Bel Air, Md.
Champlain Valley Veterinary Services—Plattsburgh, N.Y.
Dr. Eric Christensen—New Providence, N.J.
Civic Feline Clinic—Walnut Creek, Calif.
Countryside Animal Clinic—Carol Stream, Ill.
Dr. Nikki Crandall-Seibert—Loves Park, Ill.

Cuevas DVM Associates, P.A.—South Miami, Fla.
Dr. Paula Cutcomb—Barkhamsted, Conn.
Drs. Eileen and Scott Dalton—Riverview, Fla.
Dr. Karen DeAngelis—Yorktown, Va.
Delphos Animal Hospital, Inc.—Delphos, Ohio
Dr. Lynda Duckett—Waynesboro, Va.
East Hilliard Veterinary Services—Hilliard, Ohio
Feline Medical Center, LLC—Red Bank, N.J.
Felton Veterinary Services, PLLC—Brooklyn, N.Y.
Dr. Jean Ferreri—New York, N.Y.
Five Corners Animal Hospital—Orchard Park, N.Y.
Four Paws of Palm Beach, LLC—West Palm Beach, Fla.
Fox Valley Cat Clinic, LLC—Menasha, Wisc.

German Flatts Veterinary Clinic—Ilion, N.Y.
Dr. Jessica Gibson—Monrovia, Calif.
Glennelg Animal Hospital, Inc.—Cooksville, Md.
Dr. Grant Gugisberg—Mendota Heights, Minn.
Dr. Jennifer Gummo-Wagner—Cottonwood, Ariz.
Dr. George Hahn—Jeffersonville, N.Y.
Dr. Emi Hayashi—Yonkers, N.Y.
Dr. Raymond Hayes—Ossining, N.Y.
Highland Animal Hospital, P.C.—Central Square, N.Y.
Dr. Bonnie Hileman—Gaithersburg, Md.
Dr. Susan Holland—Wilmington, N.C.
Homer Veterinary Clinic—Homer, Alaska
Huntington Animal Hospital—Huntington Station, N.Y.
Dr. Amy Hurd—Seekonk, Mass.
Just Cats Veterinary Clinic—Guilderland, N.Y.

Kensington Veterinary Hospital—San Diego, Calif.
Dr. Elizabeth Knighton—Philadelphia, Pa.
Kona Animal Care, Inc.—Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
Dr. Richard Koven—Stamford, Conn.
Dr. Tracy Kroll—Fair Lawn, N.J.
Dr. Lynda Lanning—Clarksburg, Md.
Dr. JoAnne Leja—Westfield, Mass.
Lexington Animal Hospital—Lexington, Va.
Dr. Rebecca Lorig—Morris Plains, N.J.
Lyndon Veterinary Clinic, PLLC—Fayetteville, N.Y.
Dr. Amy Lynn—Farmington Hills, Mich.
Medway Animal Hospital—Medway, Mass.
Middle River Veterinary Hospital—Verona, Va.
Middletown Veterinary Hospital—Middletown, Conn.

Millwood Animal Hospital, Ltd.—Millwood, N.Y.
New Milford Animal Hospital—New Milford, Conn.
Northland Cat Clinic—Kansas City, Mo.
North Paws Veterinary Center—Greenville, R.I.
North Shore Animal Hospital, Inc.—Bayside, N.Y.
Norwichtown Veterinary Hospital—Norwich, Conn.
Oneida Animal Hospital—Oneida, N.Y.
Dr. James Palmer—De Pere, Wisc.
Parkside Veterinary Associates, P.C.—Hingham, Mass.
Patchogue Animal Hospital—Patchogue, N.Y.
Pet Partners of Orlando, LLC—Orlando, Fla.



**"The cat is above all things,
a dramatist."
— Margaret Benson**



Port Animal Hospital, LLC—Port Washington, N.Y.
Dr. Robert Riffle—Baden, Pa.
Rupert Veterinary Clinic—Rupert, Vt.
Ruxton Animal Hospital—Towson, Md.
Saugus Animal Hospital—Saugus, Mass.
Dr. Laura Senk—Farmingdale, N.Y.
Dr. Kim Slade—Flanders, N.J.
Smithhaven Veterinary Hospital, P.C.—St. James, N.Y.
Somerset Animal Hospital—Princess Anne, Md.
South Towne Veterinary Hospital—Rochester, N.Y.
South Windsor Veterinary Clinic, LLC—South Windsor, Conn.
Springfield Animal Hospital, Inc.—Springfield, Va.

Stack Hospital for Pets—Fayetteville, N.Y.
Sunset Pet Hospital, Inc.—Renton, Wash.
Dr. Vivien Surman—Trumansburg, N.Y.
Dr. Heidi Tapscott—Lynnfield, Mass.
Dr. Ezekiel Thomas—Sarasota, Fla.
Dr. Marilyn Thompson—Springfield, Va.
Thornwood Veterinary Hospital—Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dr. Patricia Tolchin—Pittsford, N.Y.
Town & Country Hospital for Pets, P.C.—Syracuse, N.Y.
Triboro Animal Hospital—Bronx, N.Y.
Trylon Vet Care, P.C.—Forest Hills, N.Y.
Vet on Wheels, LLC—Upper Montclair, N.J.
Watertown Animal Hospital, LLP—Watertown, N.Y.
Dr. Lorraine Watson—Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Dr. Meredith Weller—Columbus, Ohio
Westfield Animal Clinic, Inc.—Westfield Mass.
Dr. Teri White—Easton, Md.
Dr. Melanie Wilson—Fairfax, Va.
Dr. Laurie Winberry—Plymouth, Mich.
Dr. Kristine Yee—Los Angeles, Calif.

Elizabeth's Wish List

Our feline ambassador, Elizabeth, has worked with our staff to develop this list of ideas for those friends who would like to designate a specific gift to support the work of the center. These suggestions represent some of our needs and wishes—we welcome all gifts, large or small, in the name of feline health. At this time of financial volatility in our nation and state, your gifts are especially important to help continue the fine work done by the Feline Health Center and its partners within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Establish an endowment:

- Feline Health Center directorship: **\$2,000,000**
- Residency in feline medicine: **\$900,000**

Direct a gift to help fund:

- Feline Health Center Scholarship fund for vet students: any amount
- Specialized clinical training of a feline medical resident (cost is **\$75,000** per year): any amount
- Grants for feline health studies (annual costs per study are **\$1,000 to \$20,000** and more): any amount
- Feline Care Fund, for clinical treatment of indigent cats at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals: **\$500** (supports the treatment of one cat)
- Miniature 24-hour electrocardiographic monitor for feline patients with heart disease at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. The monitor will be accessible to veterinarians in the field for cats that have heart disease: **\$2,500**
- PCR machine to help detect cancers involving lymphocytes in cats (lymphoma or leukemia) and to monitor response to treatment. **\$4,600**

- Gait analysis system for diagnosing lameness in cats. This system will aid the Cornell Comparative Medicine Pain Program with the management and treatment of cases associated with feline pain and suffering. **\$5,400**
- Assorted gastrointestinal endoscopy equipment and tools (i.e., enema pumps, biopsy forceps, and portable suction units) are needed for diagnosis and treatment of cancers, strictures, and foreign body retrieval in cats. **\$1,600 total**
- Warm Air Hyperthermia System by Pryor Products to aid feline cancer patients undergoing radiation treatment. **\$2,200***
- Dental scaler with polisher to aid feline cancer patients undergoing radiation treatment. **\$6,000***
- VMedDop Doppler Blood Pressure unit for measuring blood pressure in hypertensive cats with eye disease. **\$1,000**
- Cat-sized Laparoscopic Endoscope (2.8 mm diameter) for the Section of Soft Tissue Surgery, Cornell University Hospital for Animals, to facilitate minimally invasive surgery techniques for feline patients. **\$6,500**
- Cat-sized laparoscopic surgical instruments (tissue scissors, suture scissors, dissecting forceps, grasping forceps, and needle-holders) for the Section of Soft Tissue Surgery, Cornell University Hospital for Animals, to facilitate minimally invasive surgery techniques for feline patients. **\$950 each**

**to benefit oncology and dentistry departments*

For additional information about these wish-list items, please call Sheryl Thomas at 607.253.3001 or e-mail her at sat6@cornell.edu.

Opportunities for Support

Your support is the key to the success of the Feline Health Center. Our work is funded primarily through private contributions from individuals, alumni, and veterinarians who love cats. The center is continually grateful for its friends. Our friends deserve the highest commendation for their passion and commitment to improving feline health. Listed below are some of the ways that friends can help support the center's activities.

The Power of Endowment

Endowment is invested capital that generates funds to be used in perpetuity to support the Cornell Feline Health Center (FHC) and build its financial foundation, its security. Endowment funds for the benefit of the FHC are managed as part of Cornell University's long-term investment pool, with an annual payout rate determined by the Cornell Board of Trustees—usually equal to between 4 and 5 percent of the value of the endowment. Earnings in excess of the payout are returned to the endowment to preserve its purchasing power against inflation and allow for growth over time.

The name chosen for an endowment fund may be the donor's, his or her family's, or that of a beloved pet—and becomes a permanent tribute and perpetual source of support to the Feline Health Center.

Named Graduate Scholarship

A minimum gift of \$50,000 will endow a scholarship or fellowship for a student pursuing a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) or post-graduate degree with an interest in feline medicine. Financial aid makes a significant difference in the choices students make regarding their studies and their careers, and helps

alleviate the significant debt burden that often accompanies the pursuit of advanced degrees and training.

Named Clinical Research Fund

For a minimum gift of \$100,000, a named fund will generate income for competitive clinical research grants to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine faculty members to discover the underlying cause of feline diseases, and to develop new preventions, treatments, and cures. Research conducted by the nation's leading veterinary scientists at Cornell is geared toward advancing the health and well-being of cats and other animals, and it can sometimes improve human health as well.

Named Residency

Residency training, after receiving a DVM, leads to specialization in highly skilled fields such as neurology, oncology, surgery, and numerous other fields that can have a significant impact on feline medicine. A minimum gift of \$900,000 can endow a named residency and provide income for the stipends and research grants that accompany this intensive two-year training program.

Cash Gifts

Cash contributions provide necessary financial resources to help the Feline Health Center respond to the needs of cats. You may be able to increase the impact of your gift through a matching gift from your employer. Ask your employer for details on the company's matching-gift policy.

Planned Gifts

Unlike cash gifts, planned gifts provide financial resources for the Feline Health Center's future while allowing you to enjoy immediate tax benefits and/or income based on the investment type you choose.

For planned giving inquiries, please contact Brad Carruth in the Cornell Office of Trusts, Estates, and Planned Giving at 1.800.481.1865. For other options, call 1.800.377.2177.

Bequests. You can help ensure better health for future generations of cats by naming the Feline Health Center as a beneficiary in your will. To accomplish this, use these words: "I give, devise, and bequeath [Description of Property] to Cornell University, an educational corporation situated in Ithaca, New York, for the exclusive benefit of the Cornell Feline Health Center within the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine."

Life Income Agreements. This option allows you to make the Feline Health Center the remainder beneficiary of a trust you create during your lifetime while retaining income for yourself and/or a second beneficiary. You receive an immediate tax deduction when you create your trust.

Trusts. By establishing a trust, donors either name the Feline Health Center as the trust beneficiary or place assets in a trust fund that will generate income for the center over a specified term.

Stocks. Through your gift of appreciated securities, stocks, or bonds to the Feline Health Center, you may avoid some or all of the capital gains tax by deducting their full current market value as a charitable contribution.

Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund

Louis J. Camuti, a well-known doctor in the New York metropolitan area, was the first veterinarian in the United States to devote his entire

practice to cats. For more than 60 years, Dr. Camuti made house calls for his feline patients. Following his death in 1981, friends sought to honor his memory through the creation of the Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund. Together with a small consultation fee, this fund helps defray the Feline Health Center's costs of approximately \$100,000 a year to operate the Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service 1.800. KITYDR (1.800.548.8937). Cat lovers, breeders, and veterinarians worldwide use this service to obtain information on feline ailments and treatment options. Contributions to help maintain this fund are welcome.

Memorial Program for Feline Companions

The loss of a beloved cat can be a truly devastating experience, sometimes causing emotions as intense as those felt over the loss of any other family member. Expression of compassion and understanding can be immensely comforting to those who have experienced the loss. A memorial contribution in the cat's name shows your sensitivity in a way that will help other cats live healthier lives. Veterinarians should call Don Personius at 607.253.3414; others should call Sheryl Thomas at 607.253.3001.

Membership

The Feline Health Center offers membership plans for both veterinarians and cat owners. Your membership dollars enable us to support feline health studies consistent with our mission and publish and disseminate current information about feline health care. To subscribe or set up a gift membership, call Kathy Mospan at 607.253.3093.

For inquiries, please call Sheryl Thomas at 607.253.3001 or e-mail sat6@cornell.edu.
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